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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 4TH 1909.

SOME sixty years ago it was claimed for the great naturalist CUVIER that if he were given a bone from some unknown animal he would be able from it alone to reconstruct the entire animal as it lived. That given an important bone of some fossil or other unknown animal, the skilled naturalist would be able to trace out its general characteristics, and place it in its natural kingdom and order had been known for fully a century, and it does not seem that CUVIER ever claimed more. CUVIER's researches into the fossil mammalia and reptiles, comparatively few up to his time having been discovered, had had the effect of showing how intimately associated was the life of long past geological time with that of the present, and so confirmed the slow-growing conviction amongst men of science that creation was not a sudden leap, but proceeded by slow and definite increments. During his lifetime he may be said to have established on firm foundations the science of Comparative Anatomy, which was a necessary prelude to DARWIN's great generalisation of the doctrine of descent with modification, which, in turn, has com-

pletely transformed the ways of thought of the world. Though an indefatigable worker, and the founder of the modern school of classification, CUVIER was little of a theorist, and did not care to come before the public like LAMARCK as the originator of any general philosophic scheme of evolution. More than the moderns, he was a believer in the possibility of reconstructing by "correlation of growth" the lost parts of animals hitherto unknown, be they fossil or recent, so that though his general conclusions were wonderfully accurate, his details were often sadly at fault when put to the test of more modern discoveries. None the less, the theory was fruitful in preparing men's minds for the reception of the fuller light thrown on the processes of evolution by the discoveries of DARWIN. If, as the teachers of the day were justified in attributing to CUVIER, his belief in the doctrine of reconstruction of an entire missing skeleton from a few fragments preserved were a possibility, it logically should be possible to a thorough comparative anatomist, given some conceivable change of some important part of an actual skeleton—say, one or more of the cervical vertebrae—to design a "practicable" species to correspond. Doubtless the problem betimes presented itself to CUVIER, but, being continuously "employed" on what to one of his temperament seemed more immediately practical work was dismissed immediately. Of course, as even small change in the cervical vertebrae would indicate that the presumed animal must have a different method of seizing his food, and this would imply that the food itself was in some respects different; for instance, in a herbivore the new animal might be adapted to browsing off trees rather than cropping grass, and this would require his being placed in a different habitat. This fact again would needs modify the form and the proportions of the limbs to make them suitable for their changed life. Again, by a curious process of correlation never yet explained, and accepted by DARWIN as a natural law, experience teaches us that intentional modification of one limb or organ is always accompanied by some undesigned alteration of the rest of the skeleton; and all these, and their various consequential modifications to suit the changed habitat, would have to be worked out in detail by the suppositious species-maker to make of his designed animal a success, capable of standing the wear and tear of actual existence amidst the strife and competition of his surroundings, often directly hostile, and always closely pressing on the means of sustenance.

Such had been amongst the problems that presented themselves, at least to a few enquirers, when fifty years ago DARWIN's new theory of Natural Selection came upon them as a revelation. As the old Greek philosopher, by noting the overflow from his bath, was led into a train of thought which finally resulted in his discovery of the principle of Specific Gravity; and thereby solving the problem of the purity or the contrary of the King's crown, so the enquirer as to the possibility of designing the practicable animal was able on receiving DARWIN's explanation to cry with the philosopher Eurka! What was beyond the powers of the most inventive of men to satisfactorily accomplish had, he now learned, been actually worked out by nature during the ages. The process was one of continuous experiment, as the rude "dandy" of the Egean, consisting as it did of nothing more than a pair of wheels in line with a saddle fixed between, and propelled by the toes of the rider just reaching the ground, after many trials and almost as many failures, by degrees changed into that scientific toy—the bicycle, where the feet no longer touch the ground, and advantage is taken of the principle of another still more scientific toy, the Gyroscope, to produce a perfect balance. And as the making of the bicycle led to such improvements in the art of construction, by reducing weights to a minimum, the motor car in turn became practicable; and finally improvements in the motor engine rendered a flying machine conceivable, and men began to experiment on taking possession of the air. The first indeed to actually fly before the motor engine was capable of coming to his aid—poor LILIENTHAL—perished miserably just as he seemed to have achieved his triumph; but his failure so far from checking experiment, by showing what was necessary to avoid, actually promoted progress. Successors like FARMAN and LATHAM by the aid of lighter and more powerful motors found themselves able to accomplish what LILIENTHAL perished in attempting, and so the process of experiment and failure has gone on till LATHAM having nearly accomplished his daring flight across the English Channel, within a couple of miles of the English coast, fell with his aeroplane. He was not, however, like LILIENTHAL, killed, but, warned

by previous disastrous accidents, was able to float in his machine till help opportunely arrived.

Now all this bears a remarkable resemblance to the methods of Nature. Nature has, however, one enormous advantage over man in her experiments; her time is unlimited, and besides she carries out all her experiments à l'outrance. A good example of her methods of working is afforded in the case of the horse, whose history we can now almost read in detail from the very commencement of the Tertiaries. The first we learn of the family is the appearance of a small three-toed ungulate, scarcely larger than a diminutive chevrotain. He evidently answered the purpose for which he was intended, because his remains are proportionally numerous. But climate and soil changed, and our proto-horse had to become modified to suit. Doubtless many of the alterations and additions which from time to time were introduced were unsuitable, and as in the case of LILIENTHAL's flying machine, the individual perished miserably; others, as BARROR, proved successful, and the individual for some time was at the head of his race—till superseded by one better mounted. We need not here recapitulate the various stages of progress; like BARROR in his rivalry with LATHAM, the one who possessed the soundest and most enduring organs in the end survived. As BARROR succeeded in crossing the Channel where LATHAM fell into the water, our next better fitted horse succeeded in establishing himself in better and richer pastures than his predecessor, and so the race went on improving in strength of adaptability, till at last the race has culminated in a Gladstair or a Blink Bonny, who for the moment holds the championship.

It was thoughts like these, which had the individual had the knowledge or the perseverance to have pursued them to the logical end, would have enabled him to have foretold DARWIN, that the latter owed the almost unanimous approval with which on their first promulgation his new and daring view was accepted by the more advanced scientists. Here was no mystery, but the application to a particular case of a principle which of necessity must dominate all creation. "Where did I come from," the writer remembers to have asked his nurse in a moment of infantile curiosity. "You were found," was the response, "in the Cabbage Garden." With many of the wisest of the day, the answer to the simple question, "Whence came humanity?" was practically identical. They were created. Of course, in one sense all men, as the Catechism informs us, were made; but no one consciously holds that he was not born in what is usually termed natural succession from his elders of a previous generation. In this sense DARWINISM, as it has come to be called, is quite consistent with the theory of evolution under natural conditions of experiment. Some of us turn out indeed failures, while to others is granted the privilege of enlightening succeeding generations. We know not all the reasons for the difference, but we can all understand that it does not require much interference with our ordinary processes of reasoning to reconcile our Catechismal teachings of special creation with the very evident fact that each of us has in reality come into the world by the perfectly natural process of being born. The cabbage garden view is, in the face of facts as we know them, quite reconcilable with the more advanced view of the ordinary processes of inheritance.

The British destroyers *Fame*, *Hart*, *Otter*, *Vivago*, and *Whiting* left Nagasaki a week ago for Weihaiwei.

We learn that Mr. Butler Wright is still detained in custody at the Victoria Hotel, Shamoen, Canton.

Mr. Michael Hughes, formerly in the Consular service in China, has been admitted to practice in H. M.'s Supreme Court for China and Korea as a barrister-at-law.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's three mines for the week ending 18th September amounted to 26,870.32 tons and the sales during the period to 27,834.40 tons.

It is announced that a marriage arranged between Dr. J. H. Sanders, J.P., medical superintendent of the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, eldest son of James Sanders, Esq., J.P., of South Molton, Devonshire, and Mary Beatrice, fourth daughter of W. H. Allen, Esq., of Bromham House, Bedfordshire, and Dean's-yard, Westminster Abbey, will take place at St. Owen's Church, Bromham, Bedfordshire, on Oct. 6.

A Chinese report says that the Ministry of Justice has presented a memorial to the Throne, which points out that prisoners in foreign countries aim at correction of evils by encouraging the reformation of the prisoners, while in China prisoners are primarily intended for punishment of crimes; and the former produces the more beneficial results. The Ministry suggests, therefore, that the Chinese prison system should be improved and brought more into line with foreign systems by introducing industry and work among the prisoners.

Mr. Furuta, Japanese Consul in Hongkong, in receipt of a telegram from the Foreign Office, Tokyo, stating that the Hongkong Consulate has been raised to the dignity of a Consulate-General from October 1.

The Semi-Centennial of the planting of Protestant Christianity in Japan is to be celebrated in Tokyo from October 5th to the 10th by a national congress of Christian workers. Although the first missionaries came just fifty years ago, the Japanese church itself is barely 37 years old.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 5 of 1909, entitled—An Ordinance to demonetize Postage Stamps bearing the Head of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria; and to Ordinance No. 18 of 1909, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Amendment Ordinance, 1908.

It is notified in the Gazette that an examination, open to all qualified natural-born British subjects, for appointment in the Civil Service of India or for Eastern cadetships in the Colonial Service, or for clerkships in the Home Civil Service, will take place in London in the month of August, 1910, and that copies of the regulations, etc., may be obtained at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

His Honour the Chief Justice has, by commission signed by him, appointed Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, Deputy Registrar and Appraiser of the Supreme Court, to be a commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in the Court, and also to be a commissioner for taking the acknowledgments by married women of the deeds to be executed by them, so long as he shall hold his said office. He has also appointed Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Magistrate's clerk, to be a commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations and attestations of honour in the Supreme Court.

WEDDING AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

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A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large congregation, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward C. Blanchflower, B.N., secretary to Commodore Lyon, and Miss Philippa Constance Collins, of Melbourne, Australia.

The bride was given away by Commodore Lyon, A.D.C. She was attended by Miss Edith Haines, also of Melbourne, Australia; while the bridegroom was attended by Lieut. John P. Lander, R.N., H.M.S. *Kent*, as "best man." The bride wore a soft cream satin robe with pearl embroidered panel down the front, and a Court train trimmed with chiffon and orange blossoms. She wore a veil over her face and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The bridesmaid wore a frock of pink soft satin with pearl trimmings, yoke and undersleeves of cream chiffon, and a black hat trimmed with pink ribbon velvet and violets. She carried a bouquet of pink and white with pink streamers.

The Rev. O. N. Hughes, Naval Chaplain, officiated, assisted by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, Chaplain of the Cathedral. At the bridal party left the Church the naval officers present formed with their swords an arch of steel, under which the happy pair passed down the aisle.

Amongst those present were His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, with Captain P. M. Taylor, A.D.C., and Captain Simon, Private Secretary, also Bishop Lander, and a large number of naval and military officers and well-known civilian residents.

A reception was afterwards held on board H.M.S. *Tamar*, and the happy couple subsequently left for Macao on H.M.S. *Janus*. The bride's travelling dress was of white muslin trimmed with insertion, and her hat was trimmed with pale blue and pink.

SHANGHAI DIVIDENDS.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., a final dividend for the year 1908 of 7½ per cent. on the paid-up capital, at exchange 2s 3½d, and a bonus of 15 per cent. to contributors, was recommended.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Kaiming Rubber Co., Ltd., held last week, it was decided to recommend the payment of a dividend, subject to the audit of the accounts, of 11s 8 per share (16 per cent.) for the year ending August 31, 1909.

SHANGHAI AUTUMN RACE MEETING.

Although training has been in progress throughout the month of September, and several ponies are well forward in condition, there has been, up to the present an unusual lack of interest "at the rails," remarks the N.C. Daily News. The gatherings at the Grand Stand in the early mornings have been as large as usual, but owners generally have been too interested in the performances of their own ponies to pay much attention to the work of other animals. The entries closed at 4 p.m. on Saturday. There are several good griffins, and many of the old ponies which were prominent at the Spring Meeting are in excellent trim. Gemin and China, which had such a strenuous battle in the Spring Championships, seem to be again at the top of their form, and are already making excellent times from the quarter-mile post to the judge's box. Morialk, Wye, Spring Rose, Pegasus and Brockton have all gone well, and Bosphorus seems to have taken a new lease of life. Sokol seems as unreliable as ever and will not run straight.

TELEGRAMS.

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LORD KITCHENER AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, October 3rd.
Lord Kitchener arrived here this morning, coming from the P. & O. s.s. "Himalaya" up the river in a special launch.

There was no official reception, but a large crowd, including Sir Pelham Warren, H.M.'s Consul-General, and the acting Japanese Consul-General, the Captain of H.M.S. "Astraea," and many of the leading residents.

Lord cheers were raised as Lord Kitchener landed.

His Lordship stays with Colonel Bruce (Superintendent of the Municipal Police) until Wednesday, when he goes by special train to Nanking.

[SEUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

A SPANISH REVERSE.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Spaniards in a reconnaissance from Zeluan met with a severe reverse.

General Vicario, two captains, two lieutenants and fourteen men were killed and 180 wounded.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Spanish losses on Thursday amounted to 41 killed and 280 wounded.

The Spaniards re-advanced from Zeluan yesterday morning, and 5,000 Moors attacked their front. Fierce fighting is proceeding.

AMERICAN-JAPANESE NAVAL AMENITIES.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The New York "Times" says the American sailors of the battleship fleet which went on a round-the-world cruise have subscribed for a loving-cup to be presented to the Japanese Navy in appreciation of the courtesies received by the Fleet while staying in Japanese waters.

A ROYAL BIRTH IN GERMANY.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Crown Princess of Germany has been delivered of a son.

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT AT HARBIN.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Russian newspapers "Novoye Vremya" and "Russ" publish indignant comments on a Russo-German incident at Harbin. The German Consul, Herr von Muller, is stated to have refused to recognise Russian authority within the Russian Settlement.

PROPOSED AMERICAN CUP RACE.

LONDON, October 2nd.
Sir Thomas Lipton sails for New York on the 9th inst. to endeavour to arrange a race for the America Cup.

TSARITSA'S FEARS.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Berlin "Tageblatt" states that a mental specialist has been summoned to Lavonia owing to the Tsaritsa's melancholia. She is haunted by the fear that the Tsarivitch will be the victim of terrorists.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11 a.m. on Saturday—Manila, 2nd October, 1909, at 8.45 a.m.:
Cyclone or typhoon E. of Northern Luzon less than 300 miles distant moving W.N.W.
Yesterday the following telegram was received by Mr. Fuller, Manila Observatory, 12 o'clock: received American Consulate General, 1.45 p.m.: Cyclone or typhoon west of the Bashi Channel moving W.N.W.
Yesterday the black cone was suspended and local shipping acted on the warning, all the small craft making for shelter. The notice issued by the Observatory at noon stated that the typhoon was threatening Hongkong.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, 2nd October 1909.
UNNECESSARY UNDERLINGS.
In the exercise of the strictest economy, the present Viceroy, H. E. Yuan, has issued instructions to the Yamen to dismiss all useless and unnecessary underlings.

CONSULAR WARNING.

In consequence of the recent shooting affair near Canton, Mr. H. H. Fox, the Acting Consul General, has sent round to British residents a circular requesting members of shooting parties to exercise the greatest caution when shooting over cultivated land and in the vicinity of villages. Moreover, British subjects are reminded of the obligation to provide themselves with passports when travelling in the interior beyond a radius of 15 miles from treaty ports.

A MERRY MONK.

An interesting story is told of a monk who entered the domicile of a Chinese family, and sat down to a feast with two women of the house. The festivities lasted till the early hours of the morning, and the hilarity drew the attention of a street policeman. He knocked at the door and entered the house. The frightened monk, thinking the husband had returned, tried to run away by the roof trap, but was prevented by the policeman, who took this worthy and the women into custody. He took possession of the fragments of the feast, as well as of the silk robe and the false queue of the holy man. When asked to explain the situation, the monk said he went to the house at the invitation of the women to tell them fortunes. This the inspector refused to believe and the man is still detained pending further inquiries.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The opening night of Harmston's Circus at West Point on Saturday, on their return visit to the Colony, proved a great success. There was an exceptionally well-filled tent, and the new "turns" introduced in the lengthy programme were novel, daring and appreciated. The gymnastic feats of the Sibiria on the revolving Mexican ladder were well worth seeing, and as the pair brought their exciting performance to a close by revolving round in mid-air like a Catherine wheel they were loudly applauded. The Brothers Kavanagh, Australia's premier society jugglers, fully deserved the encomiums bestowed upon them for their skillful feats with Indian clubs, hoops, tennis balls and bowling balls. Their performance was an entertainment in itself, and the surprising manner in which they kept half a dozen clubs twirling in the air, or six hoops running round the ring, was a revelation to the spectators. But the most daring of all the new turns was the performance of the trick cyclists, the Sidney Brothers. Their feats on the wheel bordered on the marvellous, and require ocular demonstration to be properly appreciated. Besides skippings on the machine, and one performer pedalling around the arena on one wheel and bearing the other on his shoulders, these up-to-date entertainers go through a series of other astonishing tricks, and bring their performance to a close by the thrilling feat of turning back and front somersaults on motor cycles.

In addition to the performers mentioned, warm receptions were accorded to most of those who were previously seen in the arena. Jennie and Willie Harmston-Love again appeared in their clever equestrian acts. Mr. John Ragout introduced his performing tigers, and Mr. W. Schults was seen in his daring act of "leaping the loop." Mlle. Ab's feats of strength caused a slighter remark that it was fortunate that the lady was not a suffragette, while Novella's mimicking of monkeys, dogs, cats, etc., was very realistic. Mr. Alf. Ryan introduced his performing animals, while the Emmannuels pleased with their eccentric musical act. The clowns were the renowned Pimple and Robert, whose buffoonery as usual, was productive of much mirth. Altogether, the circus programme is an excellent one, and a visit to Harmston's tent should well repay all who appreciate clever athletic feats and daring gymnastic performances.

HONGKONG'S WATER SUPPLY.

A detailed statement of the contents of the reservoirs supplying the City of Victoria and the Hill Districts, arranged according to the rain year 1908-1909, is published in the current Gazette. It shows that there was a constant supply of water for 276 days, and an intermittent supply by the river mains for 89 days. The following figures are taken from the statement:—

Month.	Total Contents of Impounding Reservoirs 1st of Month.	Grand Total Rain-Consumption.	Inches.
Wet Season—			
May	392,430,000	143,691,000	1.32
June	287,566,000	146,175,000	15.24
July	428,162,000	149,675,000	22.26
August	700,984,000	151,741,000	12.06
September	699,417,000	145,395,000	13.72
Dry Season—			
October	747,340,000	141,192,000	5.45
November	723,336,000	135,543,000	14
December	628,980,000	136,905,000	4.28
January	549,968,000	136,537,000	1.49
February	455,626,000	102,236,000	1.66
March	366,387,000	112,958,000	2.35
April	280,754,000	147,744,000	2.45
		1,619,930,000	62.37

THE RICE CROP IN SIAM.

In places the growing crop in Siam looks as good as anyone could wish to see it; in other places it is a failure. On the whole the outlook is satisfactory. The failures referred to are, in part, to be attributed to want of seed grain to sow again in the place of that destroyed by floods. In Nakon Nayok district to the east, and in Monthon Ratturi to the west the water has gone down and more would be welcomed; in the watershed of the Menam Chao Phya there is plenty of water, and a possibility of considerable more. —Bangkok Times.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

"The moon hath raised her lamp on high." Consequently after-dinner rambles have been the order of the evening during the past week.

The event of the week was, of course, the arrival of Lord Kitchener, who seemed to have a pretty good time. Nobody would have thought that the gallant Field Marshal possessed a hobby outside of his military duties, but Hongkong has discovered that he is a collector of Chinese porcelain and a connoisseur to boot, as his experiences in the curio shops proved. It is difficult to imagine the hero of Omdurman in such a role.

Lord Kitchener, when he paid his surprise visit to the Rajputs quarters, commented on the uniform whiteness of the bedsheets possessed by the soldiers. Isn't a white bedsheet something of a luxury? I doubt if the Tommies on the Hongkong side are provided with white bedsheets.

There are many uses for the "boy," but a new one is suggested on a notice in the Hongkong Cricket Club. Therein members are requested to "initial the book with the boy." Wouldn't a pen or a pencil suit the purpose better? If the boy is to be used in that manner must he be sharp?

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" is a Biblical query which has often been quoted, and considerable importance attached to it, as it is one of the reported utterances of the Founder of Christianity. Apparently the Japanese are not greatly impressed by it, as they are, in newspaper accounts be true, taking thought to add to their stature. Those who can afford it have enlarged their scale of diet to include meat, and it is hoped that this dietary will improve the physique of the people, the relative smallness of the Japanese being ascribed to the fact that they are essentially a rice and fish eating race.

The subject is attracting some attention at home just now owing to the visit of some Japanese who are buying cattle to be imported into Japan in order to improve the breeds there and in anticipation of the greater demand for beef. The vegetarians in Britain are disgusted that the Japanese should depart from their almost vegetarian dietary, but we who know the men in the Land of the Rising Sun are aware of the fact that they realise, as much as anybody else, what is good for them and what isn't.

Various explanations have been offered for the unexpectedly high tenders for the Opium Farm, but it seems to me the reason is not far to seek. Trade in the Colony is improving. In practically every department the upward tendency is experienced, and it is not unnatural to suppose that those who have contracted the opium habit will have more money to spend than they have had during the last year or two.

Some inquisitive folks want to know—now that the loss on opium is not so great as was expected—if the liquor duties will be decreased? "I have no doubt."

I am not the only one who has marvelled at the force of employing Indian watchmen to sleep on premises. The business men of this Colony surely don't engage those unscrupulous sons of Ind from philanthropic motives, or because they believe that they are useful. Some of them, I admit might have been ornamental at one time when their turbans were clean, but most of them have got beyond that stage. It may be that our taipans are so conservative that they cannot break away from "old custom," but whatever the explanation, there seems little reason for perpetuating the farce as we know it.

Only the other day two Indian watchmen were fined by the Magistrate for having been found asleep at their posts. The offense, I suppose, was in being found asleep. They have probably slumbered nightly for quite a long time, as most of them do, but somebody official was inconsiderate enough to come along before they wakened. If watchmen are to be retained, why shouldn't they do as before? In former years they had to beat a gong every hour to indicate the time and incidentally to keep themselves awake. We can recall how watchmen at home used to call out the hour and the state of the weather. It gave a feeling of confidence to the community to know that their guardians were doing their duty, and though I have no wish to add to the street noises, I think some plan might be devised for making watchmen of some use.

As a result of the foregoing, I note that a contributor to the *Poohoo Echo* is compiling a Dictionary of Names in Common Use in China. This is the first instalment:—

"Boy." The senior male domestic, or butler in the family, generally elderly and toothless. Never works, and is most hospitable and entertaining during master's absence. His great affection for his employer makes him an unhappy man should he be deprived of a daily squeeze.

Learn Boy. The smart domestic and "willing horse," usually of more use and reliability than any other servant.

House-cook. The oil drainer and bottle eater. A man paid to sweep dust under the sofas and cupboards, and feed spiders.

Cook. The head ornament of the kitchen, only wakes when provisions arrive, from which he takes several pieces as samples.

Cook No. 17. The dirty apprentice who does the cooking.

Gardener. Another kitchen ornament rarely seen out of door.

Wai-keen. A man employed from 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. to sleep in the kitchen.

Washerman. The domestic employed to do other people's washing.

Chaii-coolie. An animal fond of chow, smoking and cards. Of little use, and has a cordial dislike for work.

Amah. Fluffy if young, and the discord of the domestic quarters if elderly.

Policeman. A servant of the general community paid to salute gentlemen, fly kites, and present petitions, on every reasonable and unreasonable opportunity.

RODERICK RANDOM.

LOCAL SPORT.

SWIMMING.

V.R.C. HUNDRED YARDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

The hundred yards championship race open to members of the Victoria Recreation Club took place at the Club's enclosure on Saturday afternoon. The competition was for a cup presented by the Shanghai interport swimmers, and also for the Dorabjee Cup, which has to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of any competitor. Owing to the event being insufficiently advertised, there was a very poor attendance, and many of those who knew that the competition was taking place that day were unaware of the starting hour, and were very much disappointed to find that on their arrival the race had ended.

The five competitors who faced the starter were Cecil Humphreys, P. M. Remedios, C. J. Cooke, A. A. Claxton and H. C. Sayer. The men got an excellent start, and Humphreys immediately took premier position, being closely followed by the other four. On the first turn Humphreys had a lead of about three yards, Claxton, Remedios and Cooke swimming almost level in the second, while Sayer was slightly in their rear. In the third and last length, Humphreys maintained his advantage, and ended an easy winner. A good struggle was then witnessed between Claxton, Remedios and Cooke for second place. When half of the final length had been covered they were swimming neck and neck, with Cooke well up in third position. In the final effort Claxton succeeded in drawing ahead of Remedios, and forestalled him for the honour of second position by a touch, while there was little to spare between Cooke and Remedios for third place. Sayer was hopelessly left in the final length. The result was:—

C. Humphreys, 68-4/5 seconds, 1
A. A. Claxton, 72-4/5, 2
P. M. Remedios, 3

Saturday's race was the second for the Dorabjee Cup, and Humphreys has been the winner of the event for which this trophy was presented on both occasions. A third win, of which this fast short-distance swimmer has every prospect, and the prize passes to him.

POLICE RECREATION CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Police Recreation Club was held at the Club matched, Happy Valley, on Saturday afternoon, when Mr. J. W. Hanson presided over a large attendance of members.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN stated that as they were on the threshold of a new year they had to render an account of the Club's doings, and show how it stood. They could congratulate themselves on the Colony's immunity from typhoons this year, as in a previous year when a typhoon swept Hongkong it razed the Club matched to the ground. They had had a successful year in games of all kinds, and the speaker took the opportunity of thanking Mr. King for the bats he had presented for last year's betting, and which were won by Lance-Sergeant Edwards. (Applause). The Club were now in the fortunate position of having prizes offered by Mr. Wodehouse for cricket, tennis and bowls. (Applause). Financially the Club had had a very good year, and as the balance sheet had no doubt been digested by all members he did not think it necessary to refer to it, but would move the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was carried unanimously. The elections of officers were then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Captain E. J. Badesley; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. P. P. J. Wodehouse and T. H. King; Chairman, Inspector J. W. Hanson; Secretary, Inspector A. Langley; Treasurer, Sergeant Lee; Committees, Inspectors Hanson, Baker, Robertson and Gourlay, Sergeants Watt and Grant, and Constables Ogg, Bell and Glendinning. Captain of the Club, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse; Captain of the First XI, Inspector A. Langley; Captain of the Second XI, Sergeant Cooper.

The report showed that the club premises and gear appertaining to sport were in a good serviceable condition, as were the cricket, tennis and bowling greens. In the league competition the club stood eighth in the list, having lost ten matches and won two. Mr. Edwards heads the batting average with 45.75, while Mr. Kerr heads the bowling average with 14.13. Two bats, presented by Mr. King, were won by Mr. Edwards for excellent batting. Lawn bowls has been played with great keenness throughout the year. The club played friendly matches with Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Civil Service Club, C. Y. Club, Tai Koo Club and the Comopolitain Dock. Of the eleven matches played the Police won six and lost five.

The following competitions have been held: Mixed competition won by Mrs. Kent and Mr. Ritchie, the runners up being Mrs. Cameron and Mr. Ogg. Shield Competition won by Messrs. Baker, Sim, Wilson and Cameron. Married v. Single, spoons presented by Mrs. Badesley. The single men won. The Lyon's Cup won by Mr. Stuart, the runner up being Mr. Pitt. The Ritchie Cup won by Mr. Pitt, the runner up being Mr. Robertson. High Jack Competition, cup presented by Mrs. Hill, won by Mr. Pitt, the runner up being Mr. Ogg. A few several very interesting spoon competitions for spoons presented by members were played. Great interest has been taken in tennis throughout the year. The competition under the American system was won by Mr. Ogg, the runner up being Mr. Glendinning. In the shooting competition the club cup was won by Mr. Pitt, the runner up being Mr. Robertson. The membership now stands at ninety-one. The hon. treasurer left the Colony in February and the hon. secretary in May, when Messrs. Lee and Gourlay were elected to the positions during their absence.

The accounts show a balance in the bank of \$531.29 and in hand \$59.44, as against a credit balance of \$1 last year.

CRICKET.

CRAIGSGOWER V. C. V. WATSON'S C.C.

In this match played on the Craigsower's ground on Saturday, Watson's showed a decided improvement on their last year's form, for by fairly good cricket they managed to knock up 102 against the bowling of Ross (4 for 17), Lammer (2 for 21), R. Postonji (2 for 21) and Donaldson (1 for 12). Craigsower replied with 122, thus winning by 20 runs. R. A. Carvalho, who shaped exceedingly well, had 43 runs to his credit when he was well stamped by Robbins. For Watson's Taylor took four wickets for 38, Spurge two for 46, Dowdery one for 20, and E. Miller one for 12.

WATSON'S C.C.	
H. Taylor, b. Postonji	10
H. S. Spurge, b. Postonji	10
H. Dowdery, not out	7
P. T. Robbins, b. P. Lammer, b. L. Lammer	8
R. Phillips, b. W. Donaldson	8
E. R. Miller, b. W. Donaldson, b. Ross	8
W. Straker, c. Norris, b. Ross	8
J. Spittles, c. Postonji, b. L. Lammer	4
E. James, b. Ross	4
G. Harper, b. Ross	1
F. Pagar, not out	1
Extras	12
Total	102

CRAIGSGOWER C.C.	
W. H. Warner, run out	15
H. A. Carvalho, at Robbins, c. Miller	43
R. F. Lammer, c. Phillips, b. Taylor	0
H. W. Petersen, b. Taylor	5
R. A. Carvalho, c. Robbins, b. Dowdery	22
J. D. Norris, c. James, b. Spurge	10
R. Postonji, c. Dowdery, b. Taylor	13
L. E. Lammer, run out	11
L. A. Ross, c. Phillips, b. Taylor	0
J. Donaldson, b. Spurge	10
R. Ross, not out	4
Extras	4
Total	122

NAVAL YARD V. R.M.S. "CADMUS."
Naval Yard Cricket Club played R.M.S. Cadmus on Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. Scores:—

NAVAL YARD	
Bacon, b. Williams	8
Brook, c. Russell, b. Jenner	0
Carver, c. Russell, b. Williams	0
Field, b. Jenner	0
Cutler, b. Jenner	0
Pilo, c. Thomson, b. Jenner	5
Combes, b. Jenner	0
Leithbridge, not out	0
Low, c. Jenner	0
Elliot, c. Russell, b. Jenner	0
Colville, b. Jenner	0
Extras	0
Total	13

R.M.S. "CADMUS"	
Brown, c. Bacon, b. Pilo	3
Hawkins, run out	0
Lanester, field	0
Jones, b. Pilo	0
Guthrie, b. Pilo	15
Williams, c. Field, b. Brook	6
Thompson, c. Field, b. Pilo	6
Boulton, c. Bacon, b. Brook	12
Taylor, c. Leithbridge, b. Brook	4
Venus, not out	0
Russell, c. Field, b. Pilo	0
Extras	0
Total	36

FOOTBALL.

NAVAL YARD V. C. V. R. E. F. C.

This opening match of the season for these teams, and it might be said of football locally, took place on the Naval Ground at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. The teams were:—

Naval Yard—Lewis; J. C. Joughin and Macey, Adams, Pascoe and Worewell; Bishop (Y.M.C.A.) and Messrs. Morris, Peel and Wilcox.

R. E. Sadler; Coxon and Beardmore; Cully, McCrory and Lamb; Jackson and Le Groves; Morrish, Taylor and Orman; Referee, Mr. Hampson, Y.M.C.A.

The Sappers won the toss and elected to defend the city end with their backs to the sun. The Sappers from the commencement had the game in hand, and Morrish and McCrory, each scoring a goal, half-time was called with R. E. Sadler, Y.O.

A notable feature of the second half was the splendid defence of Joughin for the Yard. Time after time he upset the attempts of the forwards to combine, and when the whistle sounded for time the Sappers had failed to further add to their total. R. E. Sadler, Y.O.

A very poor attendance of spectators witnessed the match, due no doubt to the strong sun, and also to the many more reasonable attractions.

Mr. Hampson, Y.M.C.A., made his first appearance as a referee, and although many of his decisions did not meet with general approval, it may be that long want of practice was responsible for any mistakes made.

The Yarders are fortunate in having secured the services of such players as J. C. Joughin, Macey, Lewis, and Morris. With these and other players of more or less ability to help them the Yarders should be able to keep a position well up the league table.

The Sappers tried new players in Cully and Sadler. The former certainly justified his selection, and Sadler did all he got to do in a masterly style. Too much gallery play in front of goal spoiled the play of the front rank of the military players, and if they hope to keep their place in local football great improvement will have to be made.

KOWLOON V. R. E. F. C. BEATS.
Kowloon played a practice match with "H" Coy. Buffs, on Saturday afternoon. A large number of supporters and friends were present and they had the pleasure of seeing the new combination win by three goals to two.

Brown was in top form, being responsible for all three goals. Van Ginkel (Y.M.C.A.) is the latest recruit for Kowloon, and judging by Saturday's display he has lost none of his last season's form—Storrie seems to be alright again, and Foulkes, who played in goal for Kowloon, is as usual as ever between the sticks.

The team which represented Kowloon on Saturday is not the final selection and the committee hope to put a strong eleven in the field against the R.E.C.A.

VALDIOTORY.

A farewell smoker to Mr. G. Glover, Naval Yard, took place in the Dockyard on Saturday night. Mr. Glover is well known in football circles as being to a great extent responsible for the formation of the present Football League. In addition to being an organiser Mr. Glover was also a player in Naval Yard F.C. and his departure for home leaves a gap in the Yarders' team they will have some difficulty in filling.

APPEALS TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Additional instructions governing appeals to the Privy Council from the Supreme Court of Hongkong, and revoking the additional instructions dated 21st January, 1906, are published in the current Gazette. The provisions show that an appeal shall lie:—

(a) as of right, from any final judgment of the Court, where the matter in dispute on the Appeal amounts to or is of the value of \$5,000 or upwards, or where the Appeal involves, directly or indirectly, some claim or question to or respecting property or some civil right amounting to or of the value of \$5,000 or upwards; and

(b) at the discretion of the Court, from any other judgment of the Court, whether final or interlocutory, if, in the opinion of the Court, the question involved in the Appeal is one which, by reason of its great general or public importance, or otherwise, ought to be submitted to His Majesty in Council for decision.

Leave to appeal shall only be granted by the Court in the first instance:—

(a) upon condition of the appellant, within a period to be fixed by the Court, but not exceeding three months from the date of the hearing of the application for leave to appeal, entering into good and sufficient security, to the satisfaction of the Court, in a sum not exceeding \$5,000, for the due prosecution of the Appeal, and the payment of all such costs as may become payable to the Respondent in the event of the Appellant's not obtaining an order granting him final leave to appeal, or of the Appeal being dismissed for non-prosecution, or of His Majesty in Council ordering the Appellant to pay the Respondent's costs of the Appeal (as the case may be); and

(b) upon such other conditions (if any) as to the time or times within which the Appellant shall take the necessary steps for the purpose of procuring the preparation of the Record and the despatch thereof to England as the Court, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, may think it reasonable to impose.

THE DAI NITTON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

A general meeting of this Company was to be held on the 15th ult. Not much expectation seems to have been entertained that a working programme could be at once evolved. The Company's total liabilities are said to be 17,122,190 yen. Its assets amount to 25,092,453 yen, but of course the great part of this latter figure represents fixed property which could not readily be converted into cash. The net profit for the year ending 31st March 1909 was 1,150,000 yen annually. It is proposed to issue preference shares to the amount of 3,500,000 yen carrying 7 per cent. interest, and to hand these to the unsecured creditors in full payment of their debts. But this plan is confronted by a legal difficulty, namely, that such shares can not be issued until the total capital is paid up, whereas 3,500,000 yen remains to be paid and could not possibly be called up at present. It is difficult to see therefore how this plan could be carried out. It includes a project for spreading over a period of 10 years the customs duties owing to the Government, and paying them by annual instalments of 122,000 yen. Further concessions would have to be obtained also from other creditors, and altogether the programme seems very difficult of realization. There is another plan upon the tapis, but it involves leaving the shareholders without any dividend whatever for 8 or 9 years.

THE RUBBER BOOM.

The *Penang Gazette* of the 21st ult. remarks:—On the front page of one of the weekly papers recently received by the last mail we notice an advertisement to the effect that rubber being at 8s. a pound, the Dunlop Company has been obliged to raise the price of tyres. A cable we published yesterday gave the price of rubber as 8s. 6d. a pound, and as 7s. 6d. is being offered for forward delivery it would seem that those most closely interested do not anticipate any substantial drop in prices for some little time to come. No doubt this is a very nice time for the rubber grower, especially for those who are putting large quantities of rubber on the market, but having regard to the future of the industry as in the *India Rubber Journal* a couple of months ago that it would be really better if the commodity were nearer 4s. than 8s. a pound. With the present high price manufacturers are feeling the pinch, trade is being disorganised, rubber shares are becoming a regular gambling medium, planting schemes which the growers consider sufficiently large to warrant the expenditure of a future overproduction are being financially supported, and—worst of all from our point of view—inferior estates are being put before the public at ridiculously high prices.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Zafra* left Manila on the 2nd instant, and is due here to-day at 4 p.m. The T.K.K. str. *Chigo Maru* sailed from Yokohama on the 3rd inst., and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 15th inst.

The Indo-China str. *Zeigun*, left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 30th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 16th instant.

The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* arrived at San Francisco on 30th ult.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. on the 2nd inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m. on the 4th inst.

The L.G.M. str. *Prins Waldemar*, which left here on the 10th ultimo at daylight, arrived at Sydney on the 2nd instant, at 8 a.m.

THE ANTI-OPIMUM MOVEMENT IN CHINA.

OPIMUM SUPPRESSION.

With reference to the entire suppression of the opium evil in China, a native report says that the Anti-Opium Commissioners have decided that plantation of native opium should be reduced year by year and entirely prohibited in the 4th year of Hsuan Tung. Beginning from the next year a government monopoly will be established for opium, which will also be gradually reduced, until it is entirely suppressed in the 8th year of Hsuan Tung (1916). The consent of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking will shortly be obtained to this proposal. The Prince Regent is reported to have shown great impatience at the delay of the Commissioners in reporting on a memorial containing suggestions in regard to opium prohibition, and he accordingly asked more than once for the report. It is also stated that a Council has resolved severely to denounce a high Minister, who broke off opium smoking but has since relapsed into the evil habit.

SHANGHAI.

It is reported that in a memorial presented to the Throne H. E. Pao, Governor of Shansi, stated that all the lands amounting to over 350,000 mao formerly devoted to the cultivation of the poppy have been converted either into cotton or indigo plantations since the spring, and now no more ground is used for opium cultivation in that province. The number of smokers is gradually declining.

The Tartar General, H. E. Mo in not behind officials in other provinces in the work of suppressing the opium evils, says the *Peking Daily News*. From the time of his arrival there last winter up to the second month this year he had caused many opium dens to be closed up and had ordered the Bannermen who were formerly opium cultivators to plant mulberry trees on the vacant places along the city suburbs and the parade grounds. Over 50,000 have been planted, and they are thriving very satisfactorily. He had suspended 31 officials from office on account of their craving for the drug and allowed them a limited time in which to reform. He had 906 soldiers admitted into the opium-curing Hospital to get rid of the habit. All employed in the Government services, students, and the like have been warned that if they are smokers they must give up the habit at once or they will be severely dealt with.

There appears to be no doubt that in Tsianfu and the adjoining counties of Luwen and Hainan the opium regulations have been taken seriously, writes a correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News*. Little or no land has been under the poppy this year, except in a few special cases where permission has been granted to cultivate one or two acres in return for some special service—as in the case of a doctor who had treated the son of a magistrate successfully. Severe punishment, in the shape of fine, imprisonment and flogging, has been meted out impartially to those who have attempted to evade the law, accompanied in all cases by the destruction of the young crops—and so, for once, we have the inspiring spectacle of the Chinese official energetically carrying out his instructions. How long this state of things will last remains to be seen. The people have offered no opposition to the regulations and generally welcome them, and so it would seem that the success of the undertaking depends entirely on the officials whose business it is to see the thing through.

The immediate consequence, of course, is a great rise in the price of the drug which necessarily falls most heavily on the poorer class of smokers, though against this may be put the slightly cheaper price of foodstuffs due to the larger quantity of land-bearing grain, etc. I have been told, however, that land which has been long under the poppy bears poor grain for a year or two.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF OPIUM FROM YUNNAN.

A correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* writes on this subject as follows:—

Where are the long strings of oxen carrying opium down to Hunan, Kwangsi and Tonking? They have gone home empty-handed. Wheat, corn, beans, peas, rice, cotton, etc., have replaced the poppy in the fields; and the Yunnanese, who once depended on the opium trade for a livelihood seem to thrive better on wheat, rice and other cereals. Here is one man, who last year was seldom seen on the streets, he was spending most of his time at night and during the day, now he is working in the fields beside his wife, who has kept life in him during the years that were wasted at the opium pipe. The price of rice and other foodstuffs rose and rose above poor people's heads; now they can feel well on a fraction of what it once cost, while at the same time wages are kept fairly high. I was told "not long ago that the suppression of opium 'spelt the ruin of Yunnan.' The very reverse is the real truth. As regards foreign goods, there has never been greater demand in Yunnan, and the demand will increase with the increasing prosperity of the province.

The cities, towns and villages seem to have got a new lease of life. Old tumble-down houses are rebuilt; fresh shops are opened; vegetable and meat-sellers have been cleared off the streets into markets appointed for them. The Government is spending large sums of money in erecting universities, schools, militia arsenals, reformatories, prisons, industrial establishments, botanical and zoological gardens, etc., all in, or after, foreign style.

The latest is a tax of one cash per cup of tea drunk in public tea-houses. With this revenue they propose to erect immense reformatories for the several thousands of fallen women in Yunnan. The brothels will then be closed and offenders severely punished.

There is even talk of electric light and water, but capital is not forthcoming yet. Telephone poles, carrying 8 to 10 wires, are not uncommon in the city.

About the end of this year the railway whistle will be heard at the south gate, where the Government is building "a foreign street" in anticipation of big returns.

The people, moreover, buy Bible portions and Christian literature as never before. There are openings on every hand for Christian work among Chinese and aborigines.

An astonishing thing occurred just recently at the Likin station of Pingi. It appears that till recently opium has been allowed to pass through from Kweichow to Tonking upon the payment of a special tax. A body of Kuixingfu merchants sent into Kweichow for some thirty-five horse-loads of opium, upon the strength of a proclamation from the Pingi Magistrate granting them right of passing to a certain extent. The opium arrived in good time, the extra tax of some Rs. 4,000 was paid over to the Magistrate, but the Likin officer refused to let paid another sum for himself, it is said. They promised him the sum, but had to go two days' journey for the silver. The fixed duty passed by before they could return with the silver, and he then wired the case to the Viceroy, who gave orders to burn the whole amount—which was

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done. The *Likin* officials and the Magistrate are said to have been on bad terms—hence the incident.

One merchant alone suffers to the amount of \$20,000. This is one of the many curious cases of mingled justice, fraud and honesty constantly occurring in China.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA.

The following letter has appeared in *The Times*:—

Sir,—In *The Times*, of to-day I read, with great interest, the reference you made, in your leading article, "The Future of China," to the humiliating position to which the Chinese Government have brought themselves in regard to the Anhui Mines. Humiliating, indeed, it is; and I venture, Sir, to submit to you the latest phases of this case which have been a subject of discussion for over four years with the Imperial Chinese Government, who have persistently obstructed us in the development of our mines, to the great detriment of China as well as of British interests.

I received a letter dated March 24, from his Majesty's Foreign Office, in which I was informed that the London and China Syndicate were willing to agree to a compromise agreement on certain lines.

"Lord Li is prepared to guarantee that the Gentry of Anhui, whose hostility in the past has been to a large extent the cause of the failure of the negotiations hitherto undertaken, will offer no obstruction, and that the Chinese Government will also agree."

In view of this definite undertaking on the part of the Chinese Government, through the Chinese Minister in London, to his Majesty's Government, I proceeded to Peking, and, on my arrival, Liang-Tun-yu, Vice-President of the Wai-wu-pu, sent Sir Walter Hillier (a adviser to the Chinese Government) to me, with instructions to draw up the proposed agreement in conjunction with myself. This agreement was based on the principle of Anglo-Chinese co-operation, suggested by Lord Li himself, and on completion was placed in the hands of Liang-Tun-yu, who himself memorialized the Throne in regard to it.

In the meantime an agitation had been set on foot by certain members of the Anhui Gentry who, however

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NOTICE.

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S. J. DAVID & Co.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1271]

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Club House on SATURDAY, the 9th October, 1909.

G. C. MOXON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1272]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A GRAND OPEN AIR CONCERT will be held on VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND, on SATURDAY, October 23rd, at 9.15 p.m. In aid of the funds of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

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Hongkong, 5th October, 1909. [1273]

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Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and India for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "MASSARA," due in London on the 19th November, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1]

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1275]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1909. [1276]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG AND MANILA YUEN SHENG EXCHANGE AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 66, Bonhomie Street West, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of October, 1909, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTIONS.
That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—
(a) In Article 65 the word "Five" shall be substituted for the word "Twenty."
(b) In Article 86 the word "Three" shall be substituted for the word "Ten."

NG LI HING,
General Manager.

Dated the 14th day of September, 1909. [1265]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 19th October, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1909.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 19th October, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. MANUK,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1909. [1262]

INTIMATIONS

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DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1909. [1174]

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E. RALPHS,
Director.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1909. [1261]

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A. KOHN,
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Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [24]

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1909. [23]

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
J. R. M. SMITH,
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Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

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Times Company before its publication in any
newspaper, and its reproduction in any form
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forbidden:—

"Battle Harbour, Labrador, Via Wireless,
Cape Ray (N.F.), Sept. 8.

"As it may be impossible to get my full story
through in time for to-morrow's Times, partly
as a prelude which may stimulate interest, and
partly to forestall possible leaks, I am sending
you a brief summary of my voyage, which is to
be printed exactly as written.

"A Summary of the North Polar Expedition
of the Peary Arctic Club.

"The Roosevelt left New York on July 6,
1908. She left Sydney on July 17, arrived at
Cape York, Greenland, on August 1, left Etah,
Greenland, on August 2, arrived at Cape Sheri-
dan, Greenland, on September 1, and wintered
at Cape Sheridan.

"The sledge expedition left the Roosevelt on
February 15, 1909, started north of Cape
Columbia on March 1, passed the British record
on March 2, was delayed by open water on
March 2 and 3, was held up by open water
from March 4 to 11, crossed the 84th parallel
on March 11, encountered an open lead
on March 15, crossed the 85th parallel on March
15, encountered an open lead on March 23,
passed the Norwegian record on March 23,
passed the Italian record on March 24, en-
countered an open lead on March 26, crossed
the 87th parallel on March 27, passed the
American record on March 28, encountered an
open lead on March 28, was held up by open
water on March 29, crossed the 88th parallel on
April 2, crossed the 89th parallel on April 4,
and reached the North Pole on April 6.

THE RETURN.

"All returning. We left the North Pole on
April 7. Reached Cape Columbia April 23,
arriving on board the Roosevelt on April 27.
The Roosevelt left Cape Sheridan on July
18, passed Cape Sabine on August 8, left Cape
York on August 26, and arrived at Indian
Harbour.

PROFESSOR MARVIN DROWNED.

"All the members of the expedition are
returning in good health, except Professor Ross
G. Marvin, who was unfortunately drowned on
April 16, 45 miles north of Cape Columbia,
while returning from 86deg. north latitude in
command of a supporting party.

"Professor Ross G. Marvin, who lost his life
on the expedition, was a graduate of Cornell,
which sent him to join the Peary Arctic voyage
four years ago, when the explorer asked the
University to supply a man to collect scientific
data. He became a close friend of Commander
Peary and acted as his first assistant on the
expedition which has just come to so successful
an end. He was less than 30 years of age and
was born at Elmira, New York.

THE NORTH POLE "OFFERED" TO
PRESIDENT TAFT.

Beverly, Sept. 8.
Commander Peary has telegraphed as follows
to President Taft:

"I have the honor to place the North
Pole at your disposal."

Mr. Taft has replied:
"Thanks for your interesting and gener-
ous offer. I do not know exactly what I
could do with it. I congratulate you sincerely
on having achieved, after the greatest
effort, the object of your trip. I sincerely
hope that your observations will contribute
substantially to scientific knowledge. You
have added lustre to the name of American."

—Reuter.

New York Sept. 9.

Two startling messages from Commander
Peary discrediting Dr. Cook's claims to be the
discoverer of the North Pole reached here
to-day. The first message is dated from Indian
Harbour, Labrador, and reads as follows:

Meville E. Steno.

Associated Press, New York.

I have mailed States and Stripes to North
Pole. This authoritative and correct
Cook's story should not be taken too
seriously. The two Eskimos who accom-
panied him say he went no distance
north and not out of sight of land.

Other members of tribe corroborate
their story.

PRAY.

This second message is addressed to Mrs.
Peary, who leaves Portland, Maine, to-morrow,
for Sydney. It says:

Delayed by gale. Don't worry about
Cook. I have him nailed. Meet me
Sydney.

PRAY.

In a third message to Mr. Bridgman, sec-
retary of the Peary Arctic Club, Commander
Peary told of meeting Mr. Harry Whitney,
who, according to Dr. Cook, is in possession of
his (Cook's) report.

"PROUD OF PEARY."

According to the New York Herald, Dr.
Cook has sent the following message to Presi-
dent Taft:—

"Proud of Peary. —Cook."

He also sent the following message:—

Kindly convey to Commander Peary my
heartiest congratulations upon his success.
Victory is now surely all American. Glad
he has won, as two records are better
than one.

His work over a new route has added
value. It will clear another large un-
known space and add an epoch-making
contribution to the annals of Polar ex-
plorations. —Cook.

In a further message to the Herald Dr.
Cook says:—

"I have promised to submit my facts,
figures, and instruments to the Board of
Geographical Names and the Faculty of the Uni-
versity of Denmark, as a body of scientists
thoroughly familiar with Polar exploration.
I know I am right, and am confident their
verdict will sustain the accuracy of my
observations."

"I decline to be held responsible for the
varying stories of my interviews with cor-
respondents at Copenhagen."

"While retaining the highest respect for
conspicuous explorers who are unconvinced,
I decline to engage in a controversy with
them, their friends, or members of their
families."

CASE AGAINST DR. COOK.

What is Dr. Cook. Is he, asks a London
paper, the greatest traveller the world has ever
known; or is he the "boldest impostor who ever
sought to hoodwink the world? Those who
believe that the latter is the correct descrip-
tion outline the case for the prosecution as
follows:—

He brought no records, or observations
back with him to Copenhagen, or, if he did
has not once produced them.

Honorable "part of his record" were left
with Mr. Harry Whitney at Etah, Green-
land, to be taken thence to America. Mr.
Whitney travelled back part of the way to
Labrador with the Peary expedition, but no
mention was apparently made of the records
he was alleged by Dr. Cook to possess.

Commander Peary gives Dr. Cook the lie
direct.

Dr. Cook states that his two Eskimo
companions knew their position throughout
the journey and performed a "dance of
savagery on reaching the 'Big Nail' (the
Pole). Commander Peary says that the two
Eskimos have informed him that they went
no distance north. Other men of their
tribe corroborate them.

Dr. Cook's alleged rate of travel over the
Polar ice—fifteen miles a day—is declared
to be all but impossible by the majority of
Arctic explorers.

Dr. Cook's chief previous feat, the ascent
of Mount McKinley, the highest peak in
North America, is declared by American
newspapers to have been achieved—if it
ever was achieved—alone and without
witnesses. It is not officially acknowledged
by the United States Survey.

Dr. Cook says that his Polar expedition
was the result of a sudden inspiration.

Dr. Cook has admitted that he "had a
suspicion" that Peary might have reached
the Pole, and "I was more than eager to
reach civilization in order to publish my
results."

Dr. Cook's methods of "taking observa-
tions at the Pole" is declared to be valueless
by Mr. Bernacchi, the physicist of the
Discovery Antarctic expedition.

According to Dr. Cook's account of the
provisions consumed on the last dash,
their total weight must have been far
greater than three men and twenty-six
dogs could pull.

Dr. Cook has not reported a single new
fact or observation as the result of having
reached the Pole.

Those who urge the case for the defence base
their arguments on the unhesitating acceptance
of Dr. Cook's story by the Danish Court and
public, and by some Danish scientists; on the
statement that Dr. Cook has a good record;
on the manner in which he withstood cross-ex-
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CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, etc., via MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO and SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).
S.S. HONGKONG MARU ... 6000 tons gross ... Sail Oct. 26th, at Noon.
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For particulars apply to
K. MATSUDA, Manager.
HONGKONG, 16th September, 1909.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	KANAGAWA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao	6,500	WED. DAY, 13th Oct., at Daylight
VIETNAM, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU, Capt. J. Dring	6,500	WED. DAY, 27th Oct., at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Sato	7,000	TUESDAY, 12th Oct., at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino	8,000	TUESDAY, 9th Nov., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBÉ	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 29th Oct., at Noon
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 26th Nov., at Noon
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	YETOROFU MARU, Capt. K. Soyeda	4,500	MONDAY, 11th October
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. W. A. Evans	4,500	MONDAY, 11th October
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU, Capt. G. C. Murray	6,500	FRIDAY, 15th Oct., at 5 P.M.
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	FRIDAY, 22nd Oct., at Noon
KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	TUESDAY, 26th Oct., at Noon

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Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.
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THE CO.'S NEWLY BUILT 9,000 TON PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM HONGKONG AS FOLLOWS:

MIYASAKI MARU	(Capt. T. MURAI)	About Wed. 20th Oct.
KITANO MARU	(Capt. F. E. COPE)	About Wed. 17th Nov.
HIRANO MARU	(Capt. H. FRASER)	About Wed. 15th Dec.
KAMO MARU	(Capt. F. L. SOMMER)	About Wed. 12th Jan.

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For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1909.

THOS. COOK & SON,

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Head Office for the Far East:—
15, DES VUEX ROAD, HONGKONG.
Japan Office:—
14, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA.

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REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIBODAS	JAVA	Second half of Sept.	JAPAN	First half of Oct.
TJIMAH	JAPAN	First half of Oct.	JAVA	First half of Oct.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of Oct.	SHANGHAI	First half of Oct.
TJIKINI	JAPAN	First half of Oct.	JAVA	First half of Oct.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of Oct.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Oct.
TJILIWONG	JAVA	Second half of Oct.	JAPAN	Second half of Oct.

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports on through Bills of Lading.

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Yerk Buildings, 1st Floor.
Hongkong, 27th September, 1909.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
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REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration).

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FOR	STEAMERS	TONS (Gross reg.)	LEAVES
TACOMA via KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, SHIMIDZU and YOKOHAMA	"FITZPATRICK" Capt. E. R. Hutchinson	4,416	SATURDAY, 23rd Oct., at Noon.

The Co.'s Newly Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for steerage Passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES
TAMSUI via SWATOW, & AMOI	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. H. MURAYAMA	SUNDAY, 10th Oct., at 10 A.M.

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T. ARIMA,
MANAGER.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c. THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due LONDON (Plymouth 1 day later)
ARCADIA ... 7000	February 5	MANTUA ... 11000	March 5	March 11
ABSAE ... 7500	February 19	CHINA ... 8000	March 19	March 25
DELTA ... 8000	March 5	MALWA ... 11000	April 2	April 8
MACEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Through Steamer calling at Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DEVANHA ... 8000	April 2	MONGOLIA ... 10500	April 30	May 6
ABSAE ... 8000	April 16	MARMORA ... 10500	May 14	May 20
DELTA ... 7500	April 30	MOREA ... 11000	May 28	June 3
DELHI ... 8000	May 14	MOOLTAN ... 10000	June 12	June 18

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking.

FARE TO LONDON (Including Surtax):
1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE. £105.14 RETURN.
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transshipment) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON.

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STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due LONDON
* SYRIA ... 6600	January about	26 March
* SUMATRA ... 4600	February 9	March 12
* NYANZA ... 6700	February 23	March 26
* SUNDA ... 4670	March 23	April 7
* MALTA ... 6600	April 20	June 4
* SARDINIA ... 6570	May 4	June 18
* NORE ... 6700	May 18	July 2

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES.

FARE TO LONDON (Including Surtax):
1st SALOON £55.0 SINGLE. £82.10 RETURN.
2nd " £38.10 " £57.4 "

* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,
SUPERINTENDENT.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN route to EUROPE.

Mails from EUROPE via SIBERIA:—

Date of Despatch from London.	Date due in Hongkong.	Vessel.
15th September.	To-morrow.	Gamboge.
FOR	PER	DATE
Macao, and Newchwang	Sui Tai	Monday, 4th, 1.15 P.M.
Bangkok, and Penang	Lushow	Monday, 4th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Samsen	Tuesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Vine Branch	Tuesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Japan	Tuesday, 5th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Swatow	Tuesday, 5th, 1.15 P.M.
Tsingtao and Shanghai	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	Yamaguchi	Tuesday, 5th, 2.00 P.M.
Swatow, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin	Rusichow	Tuesday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Bangkok	Pongtong	Tuesday, 5th, 5.00 P.M.
Europe, &c., 1 mile via Tientsin	Printed Matter and Stationery	Wednesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra postage 10 cents	P. E. Friedrich	Wednesday, 6th, 10.00 A.M.
Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.		
Swatow	Haimen	Wednesday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 6th, 1.00 P.M.
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya	Fookshing	Wednesday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.



SAMPLES

ON

APPLICATION.

COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

October 2nd.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/9
Bank Bills, on demand	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/9 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	1/9 1/2
Documentary Bills at 4 months sight	1/9 1/2
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	220 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	220 1/2
ON GERMANY:—	
On demand	179
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
Credits, at 60 days sight	43 1/2
ON HAMBURG:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	131
Bank, on demand	131 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	131
Bank, on demand	131 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank at sight	75
Bank, 30 days sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	
On demand	85 1/2
ON MANILA:—	
On demand	86 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand	87 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—	
On demand	105 1/2
ON HAIPOHONG:—	
On demand	87 1/2
ON SAIGON:—	
On demand	88 1/2
ON BANGKOK:—	
On demand	88 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.40
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$59.80
BAR SILVER, per oz.	23 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese	20 cents pieces, \$6.15 discount.
Chinese	10 " \$6.30
Hongkong	20 " \$5.70
Hongkong	10 " \$5.40

OPIUM.

September 29th.

Malwa New	\$1.150/1.180 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1.190/1.220 "
Malwa Old	\$1.230/1.260 "
Malwa Old	\$1.270/1.300 "
Persian fine quality	\$1.100/1.140 "
Persian extra fine	\$1.000/1.050 "
Patna New	\$1.145 per chest.
Patna Old	\$1.120 "
Benares New	\$1.160 "
Benares Old	\$1.100 "

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From October 4th to 10th, 1909.

Day	Hour	Mean Time	Height	Day	Hour	Mean Time	Height
Mon.	4	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
Tue.	5	0 13	2	0 13	2		
Wed.	6	1 0	3	1 0	3		
Thur.	7	1 47	4	1 47	4		
Fri.	8	2 34	5	2 34	5		
Sat.	9	3 21	6	3 21	6		
Sun.	10	4 08	7	4 08	7		

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Apoor str. Lightning from Calcutta left Singapore on the 28th ultimo, afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.
The Indo-China str. Kaitang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 26th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. str. Aldenham left Sydney on the 25th ultimo via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, Timor and Manila.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The O.P.E. str. Empress of Japan sailed from Vancouver on the 15th ultimo via the usual ports of call.
THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. Prinz Regent Luipold carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 8th ultimo, left Singapore on the 1st instant at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th instant at 3 a.m.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. Manchuria sails from Yokohama on the 27th ultimo, en route to this port, she is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on the 6th inst.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The H.A. Line str. C. Ferd. Lucas left Shanghai on the 30th ultimo, a.m., and may be expected here to-day.
The American and Manchurian Line str. Bloemfontein left Singapore on the 30th ult., and is due here to-morrow a.m.
The J.C.J. Lin str. Tsimah left Amoy for this port on the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.
The N.G.L. str. Ichita left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst., morning, and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.
The J.C.J. Lin str. Yipenai left Macassar for this port on the 28th ultimo p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 9th inst.
The I.G.M. str. Coblenz left Sydney on Thursday the 23rd ult. at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 15th inst.
The C.N. Co's str. Changsha left Sydney on the 25th ult., and is due here on the 16th inst.
PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Hatching, from Costa Rica, Rev. Schults.
Per Aki Maru, from Japan, &c., Mr and Mrs C. W. Rummel, Mrs Matlock, daughter and son, Captain W. H. C. Davy, Messrs J. F. Treadaway, G. Groggs, N. G. Come, R. C. Andrews, J. B. Lambert and F. Chow.
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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.			
REGISTER.			
Hauqueong Observatory, October 3rd.			
	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.82	29.70	29.85
Air Temperature ..	85	84	84
Humidity	83	85	89
Wind Direction ..	SW	N	N
Force	1	3	4
Rain	0	0.01	0.04
.....			
Highest open air Temperature on 2nd..... 86			
Lowest open air Temperature on 2nd..... 79			

Highest open air Temperature on 2nd... 85
Lowest open air Temperature on 2nd... 76

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 2ND, 1909.

Stocks.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASE.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	150,000	\$125	all	\$990, sal. & b. 292.10.
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$65, buyers
Zell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$13, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$6.10, sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.60, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 137.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$6.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 92.
Leong-Kuh-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co. Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 113.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 470.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	7/4	66	\$18, sales
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$50, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	\$64	\$5, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 77.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 140.
Renwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$84, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$203, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$60	all	\$723.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$188, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$23, sellers
INSURANCE.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$180.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$114, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$20	\$92, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$560, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 115, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$223, sal. & b.
Yungtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$220.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$104.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$24, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,999	\$50	Tls. 120.	\$50, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	\$50	\$44, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50		
MINING.—				
Société Française des Charb. de Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	15/10	\$4, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	\$1	\$14, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$140, sellers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$146.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$123, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$84, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$15	\$314, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$84, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$19, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$70.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$25.
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$15, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$5	\$84, sellers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12.
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$4, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$8, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	\$100	\$150.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$123, buyers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fiders	\$10	\$10	\$504.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$104, sellers
RUBBERS.—				
Castelfields, fully paid	—	—	—	\$2.150, sellers
Linggis	—	—	—	24/6 buyers
Anglo-Malays	—	—	—	16/
Shelforia	—	—	—	37/
Balgovind	—	—	—	\$71 (Straits), sales
Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Far.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Sept. 18th—*Asygnax*, *Sado Maru*, *Tourane*, *Peking*, 22nd—*Pelto*, *Indramayu*, *Sembo*, *Glenora*, 25th—*Nayur*, *Slarom*, *Syrin*, *Ercano Maru*, *Moyun*, 28th—*Benary*, *Serpion*, *Laurin*, 31st—*Armand Bala*, *Calchas*, *Indrawadi*, *Bingo Maru*, *Carnarvonshire*, *Poma*, *Tamba Maru*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

October 1st—*Mishima Maru*, *Tonkin*.

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

Extra copies of Daily Press are of KOWLOON BONE SOALIE Ferry Wharf Messrs H. RUTTONJEE & SONS, Kowloon Store, No. 36, Elgin Road. Messrs HUNG CHEONG, Elgin Road. Mr. AH YAU, Hongkong Ferry Wharf.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

“MOGUL” LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. “GHATAZEE”
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th Oct. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th Oct., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th Oct., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1909. [253]

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

BOURBON, French str., 97, Le Rail, 30th September—Salon 25th Sept., Rice—Man Fat.

CHINA, American str., 3,186, D. E. Friele, 1st Oct.—San Francisco 3rd Sept., Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.

CHOWTAT, German str., 1,115, W. Mollermann, 11th Sept.—Bangkok 1st and Hollow 10th Sept., Rice and wood—Butterfield & Swire.

CHRYSTAL, British str., 1,424, M. Courtney, 1st Oct.—Shanghai 25th and Swatow 30th Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DAVAT, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Bing, 29th Sept.—Bangkok 21st and Swatow 28th Sept., General—China-Siam S. N. Co.

FOOSHING, British str., 1,423, Lishman, 26th Sept.—Taku Bar 18th September, Salt—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HARBOUR, British str., 2,716, Pope, 21st Sept.—New York 30th June, Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.

JAPAN, British str., 3,806, J. G. Olfert, 29th Sept.—Moji 24th Sept., General and Coal—David, Sassoon & Co.

KANBOW, British str.,